

AGENDA
Erie County Council

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André R. Horton, Chairman
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Dr. Kyle Foust
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SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

5:30 P.M. – Council Meeting

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or her Designee
 - B. Finance Committee – Dr. Foust
 - C. Personnel Committee – Mr. Breneman
 - D. Other
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 41, 2016, “Partnering with the City of Erie for a Regional Transportation System”. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 41, 2016

Partnering With The City Of Erie For A Regional Transportation System

WHEREAS, the City of Erie and the County of Erie Governments continue their historical partnerships of major regional assets, including the Erie Regional Airport Authority and Erie County Convention Center Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie believes a regional approach to transportation in partnership with the City of Erie, is in the best interest of all citizens now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of the County of Erie seeks an amended EMTA charter agreement between the City of Erie and County of Erie governmental units, which should include the following amendments:

1. The Charter shall take effect on September 15, 2016, and expire on September 14, 2036, making the length of the new charter 20 years.
2. The Board will be comprised of 4 appointees from City Council and 4 appointees from County Council.
3. County Council's appointees will be as follows: 1 (one) member from County Districts 1 and 7; 2 (two) members total from County Districts 2, 3, and 4; and 1 (one) member from County Districts 5 and 6. These appointments will be made without the advice or consent of the County Executive.
4. City Council's appointments will be appointed at their discretion without advice or consent by the Mayor.
5. Article V – Board Composition (Revised):
 - a. New Board appointments will be made upon acceptance by the City and County of all amendments to the Charter and subsequent renewal of the Charter.
 - b. Since this would be a new charter, the 8 appointees by the City Council and Erie County Council shall serve staggered terms as follows: 2 members from each entity (City and County) will initially serve for 2 (two) years, and 2 members from each entity will serve for 4 (four) years, providing for half of the seats expiring after two years, and the other half expiring after four years.
 - c. Upon completion of the initial term of 2 and 4 years, the term will then remain 4 years for all members. Maximum number of terms will be two consecutive terms– this applies to all members, including the appointee of the Mayor and/or the County Executive.
 - d. The 9th member of the Board will be appointed as follows:
 1. This seat will hold a 2 year term. The first 2 year appointment will belong to the Mayor of the City of Erie, the subsequent 2 year appointment will be made by the County Executive, and rotate on this basis for the duration of the Charter.
6. Regarding financing of the EMTA, all member municipalities currently paying funds towards EMTA will remain at the same rate of funding, pending evaluation and possible recommendations by the new EMTA Board.
7. Since 40% of the Erie County population resides within the City of Erie, the City's contribution will be 40% of the remaining local match, and 60% will be the County's contribution.

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8. The EMTA by-laws shall be amended to include language that a complete financial statement will be available to all Board members, and provided to the County of Erie and City of Erie, at each Board meeting.
9. All EMTA subcommittees shall have a minimum of one appointment from the County of Erie and the City of Erie, and appointment to these subcommittees should reflect the background and skill of said member.
10. The new EMTA Charter will allow for the creation of a Rider's Advisory Council to provide additional feedback to EMTA. The members of the Advisory Council will consist of one member representing Voices for Independence, All Aboard Erie, a student rider from Mercyhurst University North East, a student rider from Edinboro University, a student rider from Penn State-Behrend, and a student rider from the School District of the City of Erie, one at large member nominated by the County Executive and one at large member nominated by the Mayor of the City of Erie. All appointments will be subject to advice and consent of County Council. The deliberations and decisions of the Rider's Advisory Council will be non-binding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of the County of Erie, declares its intent to support an amended EMTA Charter which contains the above amendments and all other updated language appropriate to a 2016 through 2036 Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Erie City Council is hereby respectfully urged to approve an amended Charter containing this compromise language, and cease its current legal action against the County of Erie.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, this resolution was
passed on this _____ day of _____, 2016 by a vote of ____ to ____.

COUNTY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attest:

Douglas R. Smith
County Clerk
Date:_____

Approved by:

Kathy Dahlkemper,
County Executive
Date:_____

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